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SUBJ: SAUDI REACTION TO STANDARD OIL LETTER

SUMMARY AND COMMENT: INFORMED SAUDI OPINION CLEARLY DELIGHTED BY RECENT STANDARD OIL LETTER WHICH URGED SUPPORT OF ARAB ASPIRATIONS. EMBASSY CONTACTS AND PRESS COMMENTARY STRESS LETTER AS EVIDENCE ARABS DO INDEED HAVE NON-MILITARY MEANS TO EFFECT CHANGE IN USG POLICY TOWARES MIDDLE EAST. END SUMMARY.

1. MOST THOUGHTFUL COLUMN, BY MOHAMMAD MAHMOUD IN JIDDA'S AL MADINA, REFERRED TO STANDARD OIL LETTER AS "EVIDENCE THAT INFLUENTIAL US INSTITUTIONS DO HAVE EARS CAPABLE OF LISTENING TO ARABS ABOUT THEIR PROBLEM." COLUMNIST CONTINUED, THERE IS "WIDE SPHERE WHERE ARABS CAN GAIN SUPPORT FOR THEIR VIEW-
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POINT", ESPECIALLY IF THEY REFRAIN FROM "DEMAGOGIC DIPLOMACY

OF SHOUTING" AND THREATENING WHICH ONLY HARM ARAB CAUSE IN US. SAME COLUMNIST, HOWEVER, SUBSEQUENTLY BERATED ASST SECRETARY SISCO FOR HIS REMARKS CONCERNING "PARALLELISM OF USG/ISRAELI INTERESTS IN AREA", NOTING SISCO'S REMARKS REFLECT "DISORDER" IN AMERICAN POLICY WHICH HAS "LED TO FRICTION" WITHIN NIXON ADMINISTRATION.

3. COLUMNIST IN JIDDA'S UKAZ STATED THAT LETTER SHOULD MAKE IT EVIDENT TO ALL THAT "ARAB NATION IS CAPABLE OF IMPOSING ITS WILL" BY MEANS OF WEAPONS WHICH IT POSSESSES. ARTICLE CONCLUDED EFFECTIVE ARAB SOLIDARITY, JOINED WITH ITS "MASSIVE ECONOMIC POTENTIALS", COULD GIVE ARABS IMPORTANT ROLE IN FIELD OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. ONE OF JIDDA'S LEADING BUSINESSMEN, WAHIB BIN ZAGR, IN ARTICLE ENTITLED "POLITICAL ASPECTS OF THE SAUDI BUDGET", NOTED THAT SAG POLICY IS AIMED AT MAKING "MANY OF THE INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES DEPEND GRADUALLY UPON OUR AREA." STANDARD OIL LETTER, HE CONCLUDED, WAS EVIDENCE POLICY IS WORKING.

4. ANOTHER SAUDI BUSINESSMAN, IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF, SAID WHAT SAUDIS WOULD REALLY LIKE WOULD BE TWO OR THREE OTHER LARGE COMPANIES TAKING SAME APPROACH. TOGETHER, THEY WOULD HAVE BIG IMPACT.
THACHER

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